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LOUISVILLE MAN INDICTED ON CHARGE OF INSURANCE FRAUD

Allegedly falsified claim of property loss in burglary

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Dec. 14, 2007) – A Louisville man has been indicted on a felony count of insurance fraud after allegedly submitting an altered receipt for nearly \$4,000 to State Farm Fire and Casualty Co.

According to court records, the receipt was for chrome rims and tires he claimed were stolen during a burglary at his home. The case against Robert L. Whiteside was developed by the Insurance Fraud Investigation Division of the Kentucky Office of Insurance, an agency of the Environmental and Public Protection Cabinet.

Whiteside, 39, of Louisville, faces a maximum prison sentence of five years and/or a fine of \$10,000. A pretrial conference is set for Jan. 7 in Jefferson Circuit Court.

Insurance fraud costs Americans at least \$80 billion each year, or nearly \$950 per family, according to the Coalition Against Insurance Fraud.